CURRENT HAPPENINGS

FAITHFUL CHRONICLE OF ALL IMPORTANT ITEMS.

R ROYAL SCANDAL

SPANISH SOVEREIGN HOUSE IS FORCED TO DEFEND SUIT.

Heirs of an Opera Singer Claiming to Be Sons of the Late King Establish the Right to Be Heard in the Supreme Court

The supreme court of Spain has deciand itself competent to try the suit of the heirs of Elena Sanz, the singer, against the heirs of King Alfonso XII.

Elena Sanz was a beautiful Bohemian opera singer, with whom Alfonso XII., father of the present king of Spain, became enamored. She bore the king two sons, the eldest of whom ge named Alfonso. The singer was shed from Spain after the death at Altonso XII, and died poor and friendless in Paris in 1899, though the king is said to have fully provided for her in his will, leaving her an ample annulty which was to revert after her death to ner children, who were minors, to be paid to them until they became of age. The terms of the will, however, appear not to have been carried out and the eldest son of Mme. Sanz secured the services of Senor Mongues, a well known republican lawyer and a member of the chamber of deputies, and is said to be determined to have his claim legally established at any cost.

The case was taken before the civil arts, whose competency was quesmed, and eventually was referred to the supreme court. The question of the competency of the latter tribunal was then brought forward with the result that it has declared itself competent to try the case.

te crown lawyers are said to have done everything possible to arrange a settlement out of court and at one time an arrangement appeared to have been made, but it now appears that all the details of the scandal may be made public, which is said to involve the revelation of a number of remarkable details affecting the later years of Alfonso XII.

CHICAGO "CHRONICLE" QUITS.

Unprofitable Daily Newspaper Up Long Struggle. The Chicago Chronicle Friday

morning announced that it would cease publication with that issue owing to the fact that the paper has been unprofitable for some time, The Chronicle began publication or

May 28, 1895, as the only Democratic morning paper then in Chicago. John It. Walsh, one of the chief owners and formerly resident of the Chicago National bank, refused the support of his paper to William J. Bryan during Bryan's candidacy for the presidency and during the last national campaign the Chronicle came out as a Repubican newspaper. The last issue of the picago Chroniele was No. 4, volume

TEMPORARY FLOOR FALLS.

Several Persons Hurt at Laying of Church Cornerstone.

At the laying of the cornerstone of Mary's Greek Catholic church at Wilkesbarre, Pa., Thursday afternoon a temporary flooring collapsed, precipitating about sixty persons into the cellar 12 feet below. A number were injured, including Father Csopry, rector of the church; Father Gabriel Csopry, of Perth Amboy, N. J.; brother of the local paster; Father Kossy, of Aiden, Pa.; Father Jovies, of Scranton: Father Kiminsky, of Kingston, and Father Loughran, of Scranton, who suffered severe bruises and lacerations. None was dangerously hurt,

No British Cabinet Changes.

Premier Campbell Bannerman an nounced in the British house of commons Thursday afternoon that Sir Anthony MacDonald, under secretary to the lord lieutenant of Ireland, was not retiring and consequently MacDonald was not going to India to occupy an important position, as currently reported.

Sherman Raps Dencen.

Lieut, Gov. Lawrence Y. Sherman. of Illinois, in a Memorial address delivered at Chicago told of the weakening of the legislative branch of government, which he said might be due to "the insiduous attacks of the executive from time to time."

Modifies Marriage Law. The French chamber of deputies voted a bill permitting marriage between brothers and sisters-in-law,

Sloux City Live Stock Market. Thursday's quotations on the Sloux City live stock market follow: Top

beeves, \$5.65. Top hogs, \$6.05. New Scout Cruiser is Launched.

The scout truiser Birmingham, one of the latest types of fast war ships for the United States navy, was successfully launched Wednesday at the yard of the Fore River Shipbuilding company at Quincy, Mass.

Church Assembly Adjourns, The sessions of the general assembly of the United Presbyterian church, which opened in Denver, Colo., on May 22, closed Thursday

"BULLS" INVADE FLOUR BIN.

Prices Go Skyward, Following Lead of Wheat.

Millers of the northwest are taking their cue from the "bulls" on the Chicago board of trade, and are boosting the price of flour.

That staple, following wheat in the latter's advance, has climbed up from \$4.50 a barrel to \$6 a barrel in about thirty days, an increase of 33 1-3 per

"It is due to the advance in the price of wheat," said a representative of the Pilsbury-Washburn Milling company, of Minneapolis.

"Everybody knows that wheat has gone up sharply in the last month." But prominent members of the board of trade charge that there has been little advance in the price of real wheat, that the increase has been the result of manipulation and doctored reports and was all on paper. They point to the fact that grain elevators are full of wheat with practically no shipments, which is held to be fairly conclusive evidence that the big millers are able to get all the wheat they want at figures safely under the fancy numeral attained on the Chicago board of trade.

MADE INSANE BY A JOKE.

Boy Locked in Stanchion with Stock Loses His Reason.

As the result of a "practical joke" played by his employer, a young son knives, beer glasses and other misof Carl Hansen, proprietor of the siles, Mrs. Mattie Ringwood, of Raw-

meat market at Arco, Minn., is insane. The boy was employed at the home of a farmer southwest of Tylre, Minn., and it is said that while with his employer in the barn he was induced by the offer of a dime to place his head in a stanchion in which the cattle are confined at milking time. This was then closed by the employer and nail-

The boy was unable to release himself, and remained there several hours. Later in the day the farmer remarked to his wife that he wanted her to go to the barn and inspect a new cow he had purchased. When she arrived there she found the boy senseless on the ground, his head still fast in the stanchion, his face a deathly blue, and with marks of a struggle on his neck. He was apparently lifeless, but recovered after being taken home.

His mind has since been clouded, and for days he beliewed like a cow. No legal action has been taken against the "joker."

ZION CITY MAY BE SOLD.

Alleged that Property in Receiver's Hands is Shrinking in Value.

On the ground that the estate of the late John Alexander Dowie, of 'hicago, now in the hands of Receiver John C. Hately, is greatly deteriorating in value in the present state of disorganization, a petition has been prepared for presentation Friday before Federal Judge Landis asking for a decree granting authority to the receiver to sell the property without further

It is said the plan for the reorganization of the Zlon City property may result in the complete overthrow of Wilbur Glenn Voliva, who assumed ecclesiastical authority and temporal power over the Church of Zion following the death of the founder, Dowie,

"LADY FLO" WAIVES CLAIM.

Negress Accepts \$15,000 from the Estate of Lord Beresford.

Flora Wolf, commonly called "Lady Flo," the negress who set up a claim against the estate of the late Lord Delaval Beresford, of El Paso, Tex. as his common law wife. Wednesday accepted the \$10,000 devised to her by the will of Lord Beresford and an additional \$5,000, waiving all claim to the estate and certifying that she was never, either in law or in fact, the wife of Lord Beresford.

Cashier is Short \$15,000.

Hiram H. Lenorad, former confidential man and cashier of the Evans-Snyder-Buel company, of Chicago, commission merchants at the stock vards, is said to be an embezzier to the extent of \$15,000. Leonard left the city Wednesday, following an indictment by the grand judy.

Death for Murderer of Girl.

A verdict of murder in the first degree was returned by the jury at Cleveland, O., in the case of John Saloy, charged with having killed his sweetheart, Varnia Vargo, 15 years old. Saloy will be sentenced to the electric chair. He shot the girl after she repulsed his advances,

Unwritten Law Fails to Save.

Judge W. G. Loving, of Lovingston, Va., who expected to go free under the unwritten law. Wednesday was indicted for the murder of Theodore I. Estes last month. Counsel for the detense at once moved for a change of venue, but action on this motion was deterred.

Toledo Railway Sold.

The Toledo Railway and Terminal company and all its equipment was sold Tuesday to the bondholders by a master commissioner. There was but one bid and the road went to the bondholders for \$2,000,000.

Girl Kills Herself by Fire.

Miss Philander Swinnen, of Chicago 30 years old, believed to be demented, shot and killed her mother, attempted to kill her father, and then set fire to her garments and was burned to

Kills Temperance Law.

death.

The supreme court of the state of North Dakota has declared the law creating the office of state temperance commissioner unconstitutional.

SLAIN BY WIFE AND SON.

West Virginia Man is Murdered While in Bect.

Word has been received at Parkers burg. W. Va., of a crime in Ritchie county in which a mother and son slew the husband and futher while he lay asleep in bed. The victim of the murder was Harvey Yoho. His marderers are his wife. Mary Yoho, and his son, John. According to the re ports redelved here. Yoho after quarrel with his wife, in which the son also participated, went to bed. It is said that the mother and son had threatened to kill him before the "day was over," and no sooner had be fall en asleep than they stole to his bedroom and fired two shets from a revolver, one entering his head and th other his abdomen. Eath son and mother gave themselves up to the au thorities and are now in jail at Har risville. They acknowledge the murder and say they are ready to pay the penalty. Both say they were subjected to all sorts of torture by Yohe fo many years.

KILLS HUSBAND'S ASSAILANTS. Woman Shoots Two Men at Rawlins.

Wyo. Believing that her husband was about to be killed by his two infuriated partners, with whom he was engaged in a desperate battle with lins, Wyo., Tuesday shot and killed one of the men, A. Davis, and fatally wounded Web Stone, the second. The shooting occurred in a saloon at Raw-

The three men, who were owners of restaurant in the rear, became engaged in a heated discussion while drinking at the bar.

Mrs, Ringwood, who was in the restaurant, heard the men quarreling and, grabbing a revolver, she rushed into the saloon and began shooting. The woman was arrested immed ately afterward. She declares the men were beating her husband and would have killed him if she had not

CAR BLOWN FROM TRACK.

taken the drastic action

Scores of Persons Injured in a Chicago Trolley Car.

Two men were badly injured by broken glass and a score of others sustained slight injuries early Tuesday when a street car on the Calumet electric railway in Chicago was blown from the tracks by a torpedo at Ninety-third street and South Chicago avenue. The car was jammed with men riding to their work at the iron found. ries.

A rumor which found considerable credence was that the torpedo was placed with the original design of blowing up the prospective passengers on the gambling boat City of Traverse, whose landing place is about block away. The theory advanced is that it was planted either by religious fanatics or by rivals of the City of Traverse crowd.

The police are investigating the re-

MR. HEARST AGAIN SCORES.

New York Senate for Recount of Ballots Cast in Election of 1905.

The New York senate Tuesday, by vote of 38 to 8, passed the assembly bill, providing for a recount of ballots cast in the McClellan-Hearst mayoralty election of 1905 in New York City. One Republican voted with seven Democrats against the bill, which is one of the measures specially urged for passage by Gov. Hughes.

The recount of the ballots must be made in the presence of the court and the candidates, or their counsel.

Here's Perpetual Motion.

Considerable interest has been aroused by a motor invented by Giovanni Dileo, a resident of Andria. Italy, aged 22. The motor is operate by compressed air and the young in ventor makes the claim that he has solved the principle of perpetual mo

Thomas D. Jordan Indicted. The May grand jury, which ha

seen investigating the affairs of the Equitable Life Assurance society, of New York, Tuesday returned eighteen udictments against Thomas D. Jordan, formerly controller of the Equitable. Perjury and forgery in the third degree are charged.

Girl is Spanked for Eloping.

Katle Sellers, aged 15, and George Brissom, aged 19, cloped from Headerson, Ky., but were arrested at Ev ansville, Ind. The father, upon the advice of the police judge, took his daughter into the back room and gave her an old-fashioned spanking.

WESTERN LEAGUE BASEBALL.

Schedule of Games to Be Played at Sioux City, In. Following is a schedule of the Western League games to be played at Sloux City in the immediate future:

DenverJune 5, 6, 7, 8 PuebloJune 9, 10, 11, 12 Big Railroad Project.

Articles of incorporation for the "United States Syndicate," the capital stock of which is \$500,000,000 were flied at Phoenix, Ariz., Tuesday. purpose is to build a railroad to connect North and South America.

Two-Cent Fare for Illinois.

The Illinois 2-cent passenger fare bill has been approved by Gov. Deneen. This bill makes a straight 3 cents a mile limit on all railroads in Illinois.

*********** Nebraska

*** SLAYS BROTHER AND HIMSELF.

State News

Family Tragedy Occurs on Farm Near Norfolk. Two brothers lie dead by the hand of the younger as a result of a tragedy enacted on a farm several miles northeast of Norfolk, in the vicinity of Hoskins, Monday. Henry Knels, who shot his brother George three times and then turned the smoking gun upon himself, died. No known motive was apparent. Henry Knels, aged 33, followed his brother, 5 years older, to the farm of Henry Amends. Amends apparently expected trouble and motioned George to the house. Hemy got out of his spring wagon, which he had hitched up, when he saw the brother pass along the road, and advanced towards the doorway, which framed the intended victim. Amends stood between the two.

Suddenly Henry drew a 38-caliber revolver and began firing. The first bullet barely missed Amends and struck George Kneis. That and the next bullet lodged in the groin and right leg; the third bullet pierced the heart and George Kneis fell dead.

Seizing the dead brother by the feet Henry dragged the corpse out of the house to the bare ground, then turned the gun on himsel. Only one bullet remained. It is not known whether he struck himself with this or not. He reloaded and fired four more shots, Two shots took effect, one in the neck. one in the abdomen. He was taken home, where he died.

Sheriff Mears and Coroner Williams held an inquest. The men had some difficulty over hay jointly raise! last fall. The widows say they know of no

Formerly the men, who are German-Russians, lived in Norfolk. They came from South Omaha, where they worked in the packing plants. George leaves five children under 10. Henry only a wife. Their parents live near the farms. The two men lived within a half mile of each other on rented

BRAVE WOMAN ROUTS ROBBERS.

Saves \$1,000 Which Was Concealed in

Her Bed. Two burgiars tried to chloroform Mrs. Robert Craft, of Norfolk, in her bed during the night and steal \$1,009 which was concealed under the mattress. Awakened by the chloroform and a burglar's arm stealing under her pillow, Mrs. Craft flung her hands upon an electric light, turned the button and faced the masked highwaymen, who fied. With a gun she pursued, turning on the lights. In the dining room she routed a waiting companion to the masked robber. The second man cursed the bungling of the job, and then escaped. Mrs. Craft's face was burned by the chloroform The robbers left her silverware on the sideboard, wrapped in a handkerchief. The men got \$2 in a purse.

Last Thursday three tramps who tried to rob her store a month ago, and whom she arrested with an unload revolver, were released from Jail. Two of them were seen recently, but she says they are not the same who entered her home.

VISIT RED LIGHT DISTRICT.

Members of Omaha Fire and Police Board Discover Dens.

The members of the Omaha fire and police board took a trip, locognito, through the red light district in search of gambling places and were successful in locating at least two The trip was made unannounced even to the chief of police, who only a few moments before the members started assured them that there was nothing of the kind existing. Several of the places were taken by surprise and it is stated that several of the police will be put on the carpet for an explanation.

District Court at West Point. The regular term of the Cuming county district court has been held during the week at West Point. The jury in the case of Christ Hanrahan. of Beemer, who was charged with threatening and Intimidating the tele phone operator at Beemer, disagreed Hanrahan, who has been out on ball pending his trial, appeared in court in an intoxicated condition and was unable to testify in his own defense.

Fireman Loses a Foot. John Meints, a Burlington fireman

had his foot so badly crushed under the wheels of the switch engine at Alliance that the leg part way to the knee was amputated later. The engine was being taken to the house and Meints was on the rear footboard and had just given a signal when for some unaccountable reason he fell from the

Cadet Batallion in Camp. The University cadet batallion num

bering about 350 men, arrived in Beatrice over the Union Pacific on a special train and went into camp fo four days. The batallion headed by the cadet band marched through the principal streets and thence to the chaus uqua grounds,

Boche Applies for Bail. Judge Welch at Norfolk heard the application of Herman Boche to be admitted to bail until his trial next fall, for the murder of Frank Jarmer The hearing was behind closed doors it being feared the publication of the testimony might prejudice possible jurors.

McCook Suspect Arrested. The unknown man who last Wed-nesday murdered Mrs. Laura Baldwin near McCook, has been traced to egs were severed from his body and North Platte, and Sheriff Peterson, of ne hand is missing. He lieved near McCook; Sheriff Miltonberger, North Platte, deputies and citizens, Percival and leaves a family engaged in a man hunt.

Killed by Switch Engine.

While returning to his home last evening about 1:30 o'clock Frank Lahona, aged 26 years, was run over and instantly killed by a switch engine in the Burlington yards at Plattsmouth. FIND HUMAN BONES AT BLAIR.

Farmer Uncovers Ten Skulls Burled in Circle.

Edwin Hovendick, a farmer living about two miles south of Blair, while plowing in his field unearthed a lot of human bones and returning later with pick and shovel he carefully removed the earth to the depth of about one foot and there found ten skulls and a ot of bones, among which were several thigh bones and some ribs. The most curious part of the fird was the vass the vote on councilmen cast at bones. One of the thigh bones was tinues in force until 1909. Castle held plainly seen to have been broken at the appointment run only to the next some time and had knit together general municipal election and so be-Many of the teeth were in a well preserved condition and most of them well worn down on the sides, showing that they belonged to old people, Some of the skulls were so unlike the others lierk refused to issue him an election in shape that it would seem they had pertificate. belonged to an entirely different race of people. The position in which they were found shows plainly that they were not buried that way at the time of death. One of the skulls was mashed in one side as if by a heavy blow. It is surmised that some party of hunters, campers or others had frozen to death or been murdered and someone later on had buried their remains in this way.

HIGGINS HEARING ON TRAIN.

Preliminary of Copple Murderer Thus

Planned to Prevent Lynching. As a precaution to prevent the possibility of a lynching it is proposed by the authorities of Thurston county to bold the preliminary hearing of Loris hold the preliminary hearing of Loris R. Higgins, the Copple murderer, on the train just after it crosses the Thurston county line. Higgins has agreed to waive the examination and committed.

ders across the prairies of Thurston o report weekly. county. Higgins will be carried on through the county and will be ore. The Thurston county authori- \$2.50, even though the law has of court until October,

BELIEVE NALL IS THE MAN.

suspect in McCook Case Rushed Red Willow County Jail. Suspect Charles Nall, arrested

us assault on Mrs. Claude Spaulding. aght miles north of McCook, recently was brought to McCook Tuesday. The train slowed down before reaching the the county jall in an automobile. Considerable excitement prevails and a crowd hangs around the jail seeking ist of employes. near such rumors as leak out.

The man has not been identified positively, although the authorities feel confident they have the man. The injured woman is still in a precarious condition and at present would not be able to identify the man if he were taken to her bedside

Aged Man Found Dead.

The body of an aged man, stark naked, was found on the river back tear the old dam a mile up the rive west of Red Cloud. The discovery was made by a woman who, with her rusband was doing some work about he dam. They immediately notified sheriff Hedge, who took the body to Red Cloud and placed it in the undertaking rooms to await the coroier's inquest.

Case Against Williams Nolled.

Charles Williams will not be tried on the charge of murdering his fathr, Isaac Williams, at Auburn. so pending in the district court

Bryan and Williams at Peru.

Peru was honored by the presence year it numbered 146.

Sunday School Convention. The Nebraska State Sunday School succiation will hold its fortieth an qual convention in Hastings June 18

9 and 20. Programs for the meet-

ng are being distributed by the local ommittee, of which J. W. Hogue is hairman. About 1,000 visitors are Postmaster Accidentally Shot. L. S Alexander, postmaster at Tanora, accidentally shot himself in the calf of his leg. He carried a grip

Man Killed by Train. John Gear, aged about 40 years, fell rom a train near Crosby and was instantly killed. His head and both

with the money belonging to the post-

office from his home and in taking

a revolver of 32-caliber from the grip

dropped it on the floor which caused

it to be discharged.

A Schoolgiel Ends Life

Piqued and despondent, Miss Sylria Stubbs, of Ashland, took chloroform and died early Tuesday morning. She was a pupil in the tenth grade of the Ashland schools



ourt for a writ of mandamus to compel the city council of Lincoln to canposition in which the skulls and bones the late municipal election insofar as right position and in the center be- appointed to fill the vacancy. Schroeween the half circles were piled the ler claimed his appointment concame a candidate and received, according to his application, sufficient votes to elect him, but the council refused to canvass the votes and the The purchase of medicine for use at he insanc asylum at Hastings during

Ray Castle applied to the supreme

ast month has exceeded the estimate on which the contracts were based by over \$377, to say nothing of the still t has created among the members of he state board of purchase and sup-The estimate called for drugs plies. to the amount of \$384 for the quarter, and already bills have come in for \$771.18 worth of drug supplies. in example, the contract called for one-half dozen pint bottles of wine, champagne, for \$2 and when the bill ame in it showed one dozen bottles and been bought at \$4. Other items The were increased the same way. contract is held by A. M. Clark, a

The recent order of the state railway commission for local agents of railroads to report direct to the commission the number of cars on hand the proceedings will be entirely for- ind the amount of freight shipped in ma! Under the law they must be held and out, against which the railroads in the county in which the crime was protested so vigorously, has resulted n a kind of dog fall. The commis-It is the understanding of the au- ion is getting ready to issue another thorities in Omaha that Higgins will order for the local agents to report to be taken from Omaha on an evening he general headquarters of the roads thickly settled centers, with no special rain, arrangements having been pre- ind the general auditor and general viously made for a justice of the peace superintendent are to sign and forto board the train before it reaches ward the original reports to the com-Thurston county. The formal proceed-mission. This is to be a daily report, ings can be held while the train thun- while the division superintendents are

Attorney General Thompson in anprought back to Omaha before anyone twer to a letter of inquiry from the n the county is the wiser. No word sounty attorney of Madison county, has been received as to when the pre- held that under the new law enacted liminary will be held. It is not be- by the recent legislature governing the lieved, however, that Higgins will be collection of road taxes, each person removed from Omaha for a week or not exempted should be charged ties appear to be in no haste to promergency clause. There is no law
ceed in the case. The trial cannot be for the payment of the \$3 tax in work. held until next fall, as there is no term and should an attempt be made to pay t that way it would not act as a to the collection of the \$2.50.

Nebraskans pretty Three known show up in the list of pass these nor the similar organizations in holders filed with the state railway other Southern States are looking for the Hungarians and Russians now flockcommission by the Great Northern. Grand Island for the alleged murder- the first road to report any lawyers ing into the North in superabundance and surgeons. The men are Dr. J. P. dillegan, of O'Neill, surgeon, member of the 1905 senate; R. E. Evans, attorney of Dakota, formerly district English, Irish, Welsh, Scotch and Gerdepot and the suspect was rushed to judge; C. E. Abbott, attorney of Fre-the county jail is an automobile. Con-mont, formerly city attorney of that speaking, the Italians are, of all our im-DWIL.

Gus Hyers, Lancaster's energetic natured and popular postmaster, was successful farmers where they have so n Lincoln recently working up enthusiasm for the purpose of landing the next postamsters' meeting at his town. The coming meeting is to be held at Omaha June 25 and 26 and Mr. Hyers believes the men will enjoy life more at the shops than anywhere on earth is he himself grew fat there.

The Kearney normal school case was argued in the supreme court recently. Tom Hamer and Oldham & Sinclair appeared for the respondent Crocker, and Attorney General Thompson and Deputy Grant Martin appeared for the state. The suit is to declare invalid Gov. Sheldon's vete of the normal school appropriation bill, it being alleged he kept the bill in his possession more than five days.

Omaha holds the state record for automobile sales since May 20. Durng seven days Omaha sold fifteen magainst the young man has been nolle chines, or at least that many have prossed, this action having been taken been registered from there, while not by the court officials the first of the one has been registered from Lincoln veck. Isaac Williams was killed Sept, or elsewhere in the state. The last to be registered from Lincoln was that of C. E. Haney, No. 1362.

It is understood the Rev. Joseph f Hon. George Fred Williams, of Presson, commandant at the soldiers' dassachusetts, and William Jennings home at Milford, is not to be disturb-Bryan at commencement exercises of ed by Gov. Sheldon, but instead he he state normal school, which is lo- will be reappointed. Mr. Presson was sated at Peru. A year ago the gradu- appointed by the board of public lands ting class was the largest of any nor- and buildings two years ago, but the mal school in the United States. This recent legislature placed the appointing power in the hands of the chief

C. C. Allen, representing the Atlas Engine. Works and the Allis-Chalmers dicated unsuspected gains for the Socompany, secured the contract for installing a dynamo, botler and engine at the state penitentiary, the price to be \$7,459. The state house is to be lighted from the penitentiary and power 'urnished for the elevator to be started up there some time.

The Farmers' Elevator company, of Alda, which some time ago complained that the Union Pacific had refused it a site on its right of way upon which to erect an elevator, withdrew the complaint, saying everything had been fixed up and it expected to get the site without any further trouble.

C. G. Powell, rate clerk, has been

looking into express rates charged in other states and he has reported to the commission that in Missouri and Texas the rates are 25 to 33 per cent lower than in Nebraska. In the two states named there is also a joint rate in effect which allows the shipment of express over the routes of two companies at the rate of one. In this state there is no joint rate in force, but separate rates have to be paid when the shipment covers two lines

TO SCATTER IMMIGRANTS.

Uncle Sam to Have Distributing System After July 1.

The government is preparing to introfuce some sort of system in the distribution of the immigrants who weekly come to our ports by thousands and to prevent the concentration of these people in dissase-breeding, crime-generating colonies in the larger cities. This is an outgrowth of the legislation of the last session of Congress with respect to immigration and its utility will be quickly discerned. The immigration problem is not so much of were found. The ten skulls were in the votes concern the councilmen who a problem if rightly handled. The troutwo half circles facing each other, can for an unexpired term. O. V. ble has been that immigrants have been with one or two more in the north half circle. The skulls were in an up- in 1905 and William Schroeder was helpless, almost hopeless masses, not knowing where to turn to better themselves and reproving themselves for ever having left the old world, while at the same time the wheat States of the West and the cotton States of the South have been wanting them and not knowing how to get into touch. A majority of our immigrants are pouring into sections where they are least wanted and where the least chance of work awaits them, while they are avoiding the sections where they would be welcomed and given remunerative employment.

Commissioner Frank P. Sargent will change this as much as possible. He will open July 1 a division of information, whose function will be to find out where immigrants are most needed and to see to it that the immigrants are informed. From all available sources will be gathered useful information regarding the resources, products and physical characteristics of each State and territory and this information, published in different languages, will be distributed at immigrant stations. States and territories will be permitted to send to the immigrant station agents who will point out to the newcomers the special inducements for settlement offered by their respective localities. The Southern States are already selecting agents for this

Practically the whole of this campaign will be waged at Ellis Island, where 880,000 of the 1,057,000 aliens admitted to this country entered last year. Over seven-tenths of these newcomers said they were going to settle in already object in view, except that acquaintances or relatives had preceded them here-About 375,000 settled in New York State. nearly 200,000 went to Pennsylvania; 86,000 had Illinois for their destination; 78,000 were bound for Massachusetts and 58,000 for New Jersey. Only 42,000 went to the entire South. Yet the Southparticularly wants immigrants. It offers a splendid field for the newcomes with brawn and energy. It has millions of acres of cotton, cane, rice and tobacce lands that have never been cultivated, Indeed, Louisiana alone has 19,000,000 acres of vacant land out of a total of 26,-000,000, and it is estimated that not more than one-eighth of the cotton lands of the whole South is under cultivation. In Louisiana there are more than a hundred immigration secieties and in Maryland there are still more. But neithes The South has been calling for the good old Teutonic and Celtic stock which set tled the country in its first days-the The men are included in the migrants, those best suited to the South, and moreover they now constitute the largest class of our immigrants. supply of these far exceeds the demand, political manager and Havelock's good in the North. They have proved to be far settled in the southern cotton and sugar plantations. The great lumbering companies of the South are also employing them and it is estimated that more than 100,000 are working in the southern Mississippi valley. They have begun to purchase little farms, to build good homes and to put money in the bank. They are found to be prompt in paying debts, and to have improved morally as well as financially since arriving. younger of these Italians do not wish to return to Italy, which desire has caused their race to be generally disliked in America.



The Russian ministry of foreign affairs announced the other day that the meeting of The Hague conference would be on June 15. The German Reichstag passed, finally,

the German-American commercial treaty,

which will take effect July 1 next, and remain in force one year, but which may be terminated upon six months' notice from either country. The election throughout Austria in cialist party. The results of the first balloting indicate that the Reichsrath

will be divided chiefly between the Clericals and Socialists. King Alfonso of Spain, accompanied by the queen mother, Christine, opened the national parliament. Out of a total of 404 seats the Conservatives now hold 260, while the Liberals have but 63, the Republicans and Catalonists 50 minor groups S1. The king referred to the new era of good feeling between Spain

and England and proposed the reconstruction of the navy forthwith. Premier Clemenceau of France defended his labor union policy in the Chamber and challenged the majority to come out into the open instead of plotting and blaming the government for not doing

what they themselves dare not under-Woman suffragists have attained their aim in the grand duchy of Finland, as about twenty members of their sex were elected to the popular branch of the parliament at the recent election. At its coming session, for the first time, women will sit on a plane of equality with mes in a national legislature.